

REMARKS

Claims 52-82 are pending in the present application.

In the office action mailed October 4, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner objected to the abstract for being over 150 words. The Examiner further rejected claims 52-82 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,349,399 to Manning (the "Manning I patent") and further over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,647,523 to Manning (the "Manning II patent").

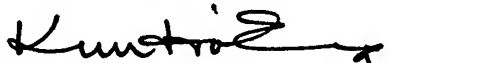
The abstract has been amended to less than 150 words. Consequently, the Examiner's objection to the abstract should now be withdrawn. A replacement abstract is submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper.

With respect to the rejection of claims 52-82 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) has been provided with this response. Consequently, the rejection of claims 52-82 for obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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